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1. The road from Rangoon to Prome is asphalted all the way and is in good condition, except for several small bridges which have been destroyed by insurgents, and which are under repair. Government of Burma (GOB) soldiers and Police and Village Defense Forces are stationed along the way at Hmawbi (N 17-18 E 96-18), Taikkyi (N 17-19 E 95-58), Thonze (N 17-38 E 95-48), Tharrawaddy (N 17-39 E 95-48), Letpadan (N 17-47 E 95-45), Gyobingauk (N 18-14 E 95-39), Paungde (N 18-29 E 95-30), and Shwedaung (N 18-42 E 95-13). There are also units of soldiers guarding the more important steel bridges on the road.
2. On approximately 26 February, Thonze was attacked and set on fire by rebels. Some rice mills were observed still burning on 27 February. The Seventh Burma Rifles were sent from Tharrawaddy and drove the rebels away.
3. The road between Letpadan and Gyobingauk passes through a Government Forest Reserve in which bandits have operated in the past. Small units of soldiers are posted about every three miles along this section of the road.
4. The road between Paungde and Shwedaung, formerly a favorite area for bandit operations, appears to have been cleared up, as the GOB has withdrawn all but approximately 16 soldiers from the area.

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